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REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reexamination and reconsideration of the subject application, as amended, and in light of the remarks that follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-12 and 14-21 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-21 have been rejected as allegedly anticipated and obvious as asserted in various Patent Office rejections. Claim 2 has been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would otherwise be allowable if rewritten in independent form, for which Applicants express their appreciation. Claim 1 has been amended to generally incorporate the feature of claim 2, which has now been cancelled. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that that claim 1, and claims 3-12 and 19-21, which variously depend from claim 1, are all in condition for allowance. In addition, claim 14 has also been amended to generally incorporate the feature of claim 2, and therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that that claim 14, and claims 15-18, which variously depend from claim 14, are all in condition for allowance. Moreover, claim 4 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Accordingly, the objection to the drawings is moot, and should be withdrawn. No new matter has been added in the above-described amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner determine that any further action is necessary to place the claims in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly requested (and encouraged) to telephone the Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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